

High School girls basketball team. The team's record is 24–4. The team's winning accomplishments include: the Gary Holiday Tournament, the Northwest Conference, the East Chicago Sectional, the Valparaiso Regional, and the Elkhart Semi-State finals. Those team players I would like to applaud are Michelle Hamblin, Isabell Rhenwick (recipient of the 2004–2005 Patricia L. Roy Mental Attitude Award) Ashley Cheairs, Ashley Gates, Farren Congress, Candise Matthews, Shanee' Butler, Erica Simpson, Jaime Sherls, Leceia Hudson, Loreal Brown, Jasmine Brown, Moenesha Headen, Sydney Pettigrew, Ashley Woods, Nicole Moore, Britney Peeples, and Britney Harris. I would also like to recognize Head Coach Rod Fisher and Assistant Coaches Darryl Brandford, Erza Alexander, and Arnetta Gates. Their leadership both on and off the basketball court is a valuable resource to the girls on the West Side girls basketball team.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in paying tribute to the new life members as well as the other members of the Gary NAACP for the efforts, activities, and leadership that these outstanding men and women have championed to improve the quality of life for all residents of Indiana's First Congressional District.

CONGRATULATING YVONNE EWELL
TOWNVIEW MAGNET SCIENCE
AND ENGINEERING SCHOOL ON
BEING SELECTED AS ONE OF
THE NATION'S TOP SCHOOLS BY
NEWSWEEK

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2005

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Yvonne Ewell Townview Magnet School for Engineering and Science for receiving the extraordinary honor of being ranked as one of the top schools in the country.

Each year, Newsweek chooses this distinct group from a pool of more than 27,000 high schools in America. Newsweek unveiled its current list in the latest, May 16th edition.

The Best High Schools list is assessed by using a ratio based on the number of Advanced Placement (AP) and/or International Baccalaureate (IB) tests taken by all students at a school in 2004, divided by the number of graduating seniors. This formula is said to indicate a wide measure of students' readiness for higher level work. Based on this formula, Townview was ranked # six in the nation, and number one in the State of Texas.

I am absolutely delighted that Townview has received a recognition I have long touted.

Located in my district of Dallas, Texas, Townview Magnet is one of the most diverse schools in the state. More than two-thirds of Townview's student body consists of minorities.

For the last four consecutive years, Townview has ranked number one in the nation, in the number of minority students to pass advanced calculus.

It has been discussed on numerous occasions and in numerous venues that the United States will not be able to lead—nor for that matter, successfully compete—in the global

economy if we cannot put a stop to the continuing shortage of highly qualified scientific and technology brainpower in this country.

In response to this, in 2003, under the tutelage of Dr. Da Hsuan Feng, I partnered with the University of Texas at Dallas to sponsor a lecture series designed to expose Dallas-area high school students to the best and brightest minds in mathematics and science in order to promote career opportunities in those fields. Various leaders in these fields have participated in the lectures series, including, world-renowned sickle cell researcher, Dr. Betty Pace; Nobel Laureate, Dr. Russell Hulse, and the remarkable Dr. Shirley Ann Jackson, President Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

This honor is of particular significance, as I have long championed the need for more emphasis in science and math education, particularly for young children. I believe these students and others like them will become tomorrow's leaders in the fields of science and technology. Showing students the importance and the value of the science and technology fields is a life long process.

It cannot happen overnight. It begins here and now. I implore our community leaders to also encourage science education in young men and women.

I would like to commend Townview's Science and Engineering School principal, Richard White and Executive Principal Alice Black for their "leadership and commitment to these students.

Mr. Speaker, again, I congratulate the students, teachers, principals and parents of Townview Magnet School in Science and Engineering on this distinguished honor.

LEGISLATION TO TREAT EMPLOYMENT TAXES PAID TO THE EU BY EMPLOYEES OF THE EU AS INCOME TAXES PAID TO A FOREIGN COUNTRY FOR PURPOSES OF THE FOREIGN TAX CREDIT

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2005

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce legislation to correct an outdated tax law that is forcing a husband and wife of 27 years from my district to live thousands of miles apart during what should be the golden years of their retirement together. In introducing this legislation, however, I seek to not only assist the couple in my district who has brought this inequity to my attention, but also to assist any other families facing the same problem.

Mrs. Novella Wheaton Nied, a U.S. citizen and native Taosena, and Veit Nied, a German citizen, called my attention to this issue early last year. The Nields have been married almost 30 years and have lived overseas in various countries for the length of their marriage until September 2001. Mr. Nied, an economist, retired in September 2001 from the European Commission in Brussels, Belgium. The couple decided to return to Taos, New Mexico, Novella's home, for their retirement years, but learned upon Veit's approval of permanent resident status in the United States that his pension from the European Commission would be subject to double taxation—the initial tax by

the European Commission, and again by the U.S. should he choose to make his residency here.

Double taxation on his pension will create a hardship for the Nields in their retirement—both financially and emotionally. As a result, Mr. Nied did not accept the permanent resident status and has been traveling back and forth between Germany and the United States, being very cognizant and diligent about following U.S. immigration and taxation laws, and therefore has not stayed longer than 120 days per annum in the United States, which would render him liable for taxes in this country. This unfortunate living situation has been ongoing since 2001 when they learned of the double taxation and have been seeking a solution that would allow them to once again live together.

During this time, the Nields have corresponded with the IRS seeking a solution to the problem, to no avail. I have consulted with the IRS, as well as with the Congressional Research Service, seeking a solution short of introducing legislation, but it has become clear that only legislation will remedy this problem.

The IRS tax code is outdated and does not recognize such multinational organizations as the EU for purposes of the foreign tax credit. As a result, the Nields, and most likely other families in the United States, find themselves in this unfortunate predicament. The United States has tax agreements with many countries to prevent double taxation, as well as provisions in the tax code that allow resident aliens who pay taxes to a foreign country to claim the foreign tax credit that reduces their U.S. income taxes. Unfortunately, the EU does not qualify as a foreign country for purposes of the foreign tax credit.

As such, today I am introducing legislation that amends the Internal Revenue Code to treat employment taxes paid to the European Union by employees of the European Union as income taxes paid to a foreign country, for purposes of the foreign tax credit. This bill will allow Mr. Nied, and others in his situation, to qualify for the foreign tax credit.

Mr. Speaker, this is a simple bill that brings a section of the tax code up to date with the changes in international political institutions. While it certainly will help Mr. and Mrs. Nied, this legislation will also help other families who face the same situation. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation and pass it quickly to allow the Nields, and others, to be permanently reunited so that they may enjoy their years of retirement in the company of their loved ones.

COMMENDING NATIONAL
HEPATITIS B AWARENESS WEEK

HON. TED STRICKLAND

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2005

Mr. STRICKLAND. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to lend my support for House Resolution 250, supporting the goals and ideals of a National Hepatitis B Awareness Week.

We possess the weapons to combat hepatitis B, including vaccination and treatment. For those infected, treatment options exist that are designed to stop the progression of liver disease and reduce liver damage. It is encouraging that educational programs like the "Aim

for the B" campaign during National Hepatitis B Week will raise awareness about chronic hepatitis B. I am also impressed with community forums scheduled this week to educate those currently living with the disease as well as their doctors about new and improved methods that can prevent its transmission and progression to liver disease.

As we recognize National Hepatitis B Awareness Week, I encourage Americans who may be at risk for chronic hepatitis B to get tested for the disease and to understand there is a large group of patients who do need treatment right now. With increased awareness, education and treatment for the disease, we can help stop the progression of hepatitis B to liver damage and liver disease.

Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in reflecting on the importance of the work being done to combat chronic hepatitis B and recognize the fact that this is a preventable and treatable disease. I appreciate the opportunity to convey my support for House Resolution 250 and to recognize the need for more federal attention on hepatitis B.

HONORING THE WORK OF
MOHAMMED JAFFER

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2005

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise this evening to honor Mohammed Jaffer. Mr. Jaffer is a talented photographer and a dedicated individual whom I have had the pleasure of knowing for years.

Mr. Jaffer was born in Hyderabad, India to a family wedded to the camera. His father, the late M.A. Rahim, was a renowned photographer, widely admired for his skill and vision. It was a popular belief that no one in the state of Andhra Pradesh could be deemed truly famous until Mr. Jaffer's father had photographed them.

Having grown up in a house where everyone looked at the world through a camera lens, it was only natural for Mr. Jaffer to follow suit. Not content to limit himself to his hometown or even his home country, he set himself a much broader goal. Accordingly, at the tender age of 19, he graduated from Nizam College in Hyderabad and came to the United States with just his camera and a dream. Mr. Speaker, it turns out that the United States has proved to be a land of opportunity for Mr. Jaffer.

Within a year, he formed his own news photo agency, SnapsIndia, and was well on his way to becoming the most-widely published Indian photographer in the country. In the next 15 years, Jaffer photographed various prime ministers and heads of states from different South Asian countries and around the world, as well as United Nations meetings and World Summits in New York.

Having established himself in America, he began to cover high-profile events around the world such as the 1991 Cricket World Cup in Australia and New Zealand, the 1992 Australian National Laser Sailing Regatta, the U.S. Open in tennis for the past 7 years, the 1996 Americas Cup in San Diego, as well as beauty pageants and fashion shows worldwide.

The highlight of Mr. Jaffer's career, however, came when he was invited to accom-

pany President Bill Clinton to India in March of 2000. As part of the White House entourage, Mr. Jaffer had access to the President that no other Indian photographer could lay claim to. For five days, he photographed President Clinton in some of the most picturesque, and historic locations on earth, capturing the leader of the Free World in both private, pensive moments and at spectacular public events.

In 2001, Mr. Jaffer once again accompanied President Clinton to India when he visited areas in the western state of Gujarat that had been devastated by an earthquake. President Clinton, who had admired the photos, inaugurated the exhibition of Mr. Jaffer's photos of the presidential visit at Regent Wall Street hotel in New York on June 12, 2001. That same year, Mr. Jaffer covered the inauguration and oath ceremony of President George W. Bush.

Having established SnapsIndia, the first news photo service specialized to cater to the South Asian community in the United States, Mr. Jaffer has fulfilled the dream his father started 25 years ago when SnapsIndia was first established in Hyderabad, India. With SnapsIndia Jaffer has woven bridges and contributed to strengthening the ties between India and the United States through photojournalism.

AUTHORIZING USE OF CAPITOL
GROUNDS FOR NATIONAL PEACE
OFFICERS' MEMORIAL SERVICE

SPEECH OF

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2005

Mr. COSTELLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Con. Res. 136, a resolution that honors and celebrates the 24th Annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Service Observance Day on May 15, 2005. As a former police officer, I salute those law enforcement officials who died in the line of duty in 2004 and continue to honor those police officers who gave their lives in past years. As a member of the Congressional Law Enforcement Caucus, I strongly support critical funding for programs, such as the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program, to hire additional police officers and help law enforcement acquire the latest crime-fighting technologies. I will continue to be a strong supporter of the law enforcement community and will advocate on behalf of public safety in Congress. I urge my colleagues to support this resolution.

RECOGNITION FOR KENTUCKY
COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL

HON. ANNE M. NORTHUP

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2005

Mrs. NORTHUP. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the philanthropic work of forty high-school students at Kentucky Country Day School in Louisville, Kentucky whose original fund-raising work on behalf of local organizations won them nationwide recognition for cur-

riculum innovation in February 2005 by the Washington, D.C.-based National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS). Kentucky Country Day School was one of three schools nationally to receive this prestigious honor through the Leading Edge Program run by NAIS. The Leading Edge Program was created to explore, encourage, support and reward exceptional and innovative achievement in the areas of community relations, curriculum innovation, equity and justice initiatives and technology. This award is a testament to Kentucky Country Day School's commitment to developing and enhancing the leadership skills of the youngest and brightest among us through its unique Philanthropy course.

Philanthropy is no easy endeavor. Andrew Carnegie once said, "I resolved to stop accumulating and begin the infinitely more serious and difficult task of wise distribution." With a \$10,000 grant, these high school students began this "serious and difficult task" by creating a mission statement to help define their purpose and goals for The Artemis Fund, the charitable trust which they themselves operated. As trustees, these students were faced with the challenge of raising funds through telephone solicitations and establishing rules and procedures for giving and selecting worthy causes to fund.

Since the course's inception in 2001, The Artemis Fund has dispensed just over \$19,000 to local organizations. This year, among the recipients chosen by The Artemis Fund were The Deaf Oral School and Youth Alive, a western Louisville after-school reading program.

Mr. Speaker, one of the most exciting things for me to see is the building up of our youth through positive and enriching programs that last far longer than the prescribed semester. Life-impacting education serves as a bedrock for creative ideas that one day will be used to transform the way we, as a society, interact and live. I am proud to know that these students have learned more than how to accumulate and dispense funds. Indeed, they have learned to lead by example and commitment, following through on their stated goals. This opportunity to learn about "hands-on philanthropy" will serve them well into adulthood. We can all take an important lesson from their great achievement and service to their community. I am delighted to recognize the Kentucky Country Day School for this momentous accomplishment.

THE RETIRED PAY RESTORATION
ACT AND THE MILITARY SUR-
VIVING SPOUSES EQUITY ACT
(H.R. 303 AND H.R. 808)

HON. CONNIE MACK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2005

Mr. MACK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of our greatest national treasure—our veterans. Throughout our Nation's history, brave men and women have been committed to protecting our freedom, security and prosperity. It is only right for us to do all we can to help those who have fought to keep us free. That is why I rise in support of two thoughtful and prudent pieces of legislation: H.R. 303—The Retired Pay Restoration Act of 2005 and H.R.